PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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AN APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING LIGHT SHIELDING IN A LIQUID CRYSTAL. For:

DISPLAY (AS AMENDED)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the Divisional Application filed on March 19, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

it - title to read as follows:

--AN APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING LIGHT SHIELDING A. . .

CRYSTAL DISPLAY (AS AMENDED)--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-29 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add new claims 30-33 as follows: